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Subject [TEA-L] August T3 Announcements

Hello everyone,
Here are the announcements regarding T3 this month.

Let me know if I can assist you with anything.

Thanks,
Katie

Reminder: Federally required State Evaluation Report Template due September 30, 2011

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is required to conduct a State Evaluation Report, covering Title II, Part D activities funded with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The first week of July, a template was sent through this listserv asking for important data from each Target Tech in Texas (T3) Collaborative Grant recipient. The template is attached and very similar to last year's, with the removal of questions that would be unchanged information.

One report per fiscal agent/collaborative will required with the deadline of September 30, 2011. This information will be completed by the program manager working with the external evaluator. The completed data will be compiled into a report by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and sent directly to the United States Department of Education (USD OE).

This report is mandatory and must be completed timely and completely. We really appreciate your help with this important reporting. If you are a program manager and did not receive the template, please feel free to contact me at T3@tea.state.tx.us. Please remember we are only requiring one report per collaborative.

8th Quarter Progress Reports

8th Quarter Progress Reports will be due on October 10th, 2011. As always, Progress Reports are required from each member district. This report will cover the 8th quarter which includes July-September, 2011.

There will be no other final reports required for member districts. Thank you for all the hard work you have put into the T3 Grant. We really appreciate all the links to pictures, videos, lessons, professional development, and success stories, as well as describing your challenges.

The 8th Quarter Progress Report template can be found attached to this email or on Project Share. Go to the T3 Grant group, then click Drop boxes, and find the "Progress Report Templates" drop box. Please submit completed Progress Reports to T3@tea.state.tx.us.

Final Evaluation Reports

A Final Evaluation Report will be due from each collaboratives' external evaluator on October 30th, 2011. The template will be similar to the quarterly Evaluation Reports, but will encompass the entire two year grant period. Due to the extensive amount of reporting required, there will not be a separate 8th Quarter Evaluation Report. The Final Evaluation Template will be sent through this listserv later this month.

Draw Downs of ARRA Grant Funds—Important Information

Unexpended ARRA grant funds with a grant end date of September 30, 2011 will lapse in less than 2 months. Through its expenditure reporting (ER) system, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) monitors the rate at which grantees are drawing down their ARRA funds. TEA considers grantees as having low draw downs if they have expended less than 5% of a grant award per month since the NOGA start date. It is crucial that grantees review their planned use of funds in relation to the grant end date.

If your organization has incurred expenditures but has not requested a draw down through ER, please submit those expenditures as soon as possible through ER and plan to regularly submit future expenditures. **There will be no extensions for spending the ARRA T3 Grant funding.**

ARRA Reporting

Keep up with the latest on ARRA Stimulus funding here:

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4570>. Remember that the uses of the ARRA Title II D funds should focus on reaching the Target Tech level on the Texas Campus and Teacher STaR Charts

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/starchart>.



Federal Evaluation Grantee Template 2011.pdf



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